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ANOMALIES, AND A WAY OUT.

Any suggestion which appears to tamper with the existing order of things in ringing affairs is likely to meet with strenuous opposition, and for that reason, among others, there is little chance of a scheme for a national association finding general favour. For the same reason also, any suggested reorganisation of all ringing associations into diocesan units would be bound to meet with resistance in most if not all of the societies not at present carrying a diocesan title or operating in an area coterminous with a diocese. Yet there are several reasons why territorial ringing organisations should adopt diocesan status, and Mr. E. P. Duffield, in a letter elsewhere in this issue, refers to some of them. The subject, of course, like that of a National Association, is not a new one, but it is one which, we believe, must eventually receive serious consideration.

The overlapping which has been referred to is due to the dual forms of organisation—the county and the diocesan. Had one or the other been adhered to from the outset of the formation of modern associations, the anomalies of which we now hear would have been avoided, but from the first the founders of the territorial associations used the different styles of title. In those days, while the aim was the same, to secure, among other things, the better recognition of the ringers' office by the Church, the importance of organising on diocesan lines did not seem so important as it does to-day. There can be no question we think, as Mr. Duffield points out, that a diocesan body is more likely to commend itself to the Church than a county organisation, and where there is so much dependence on the goodwill of the Church as there is in bell ringing—for it must be recognised that much of the ringing that is done is not entirely in the service of the Church—anything, if only a title, which will tighten the bonds is greatly desirable.

The change, however, can only be made from within. It is only the members of the territorial societies which are not at present diocesan in character who can bring about the alteration, which in some cases would need a shuffling of boundaries, but where that is the case there should be no difficulties if the matter is approached in the right spirit. In some cases, notably Devon, Essex and Sussex, the county areas are practically identical with the diocesan areas and in such instances the only change would be one of title. Some of the rest of the county associations, however, offer more complicated problems, but as the trend of ringing during the last fifty years has been more and more towards recognition as a part of Church work and away from the purely secular view which was at one time taken of the art, so the objective of all the organisations should be towards diocesan status.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 1, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

FREDERICK HANNINGTON ... Treble	HUGH THOMAS ... 6
GEORGE POYNELL ... 2	WILLIAM BOLTON ... 7
ALFRED W. HEATH ... 3	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON ... 8
CHRISTOPHER P. HEATH ... 4	JOHN PHILLIPS ... 9
JOHN W. JONES ... 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER ... Tenor

Composed by H. G. MILNS.

Conducted by JOHN PHILLIPS.

Specially arranged for the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, of the Hereford Guild.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM PILLAR ... Treble	FREDERICK ROBSON ... 6
HAROLD ROBSON ... 2	† EDWARD C. ROBSON ... 7
SIDNEY BREEZE ... 3	ERNEST BURNETT ... 8
* MISS EFFIE STEPHENSON ... 4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... 9
WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 5	LESLIE GREENHAW ... Tenor

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

* First peal. † First peal of Caters. Ringers of fifth bells from Newcastle, eighth from Kirkby Stephen, ninth from Sunderland, rest are local ringers. Miss Stephenson is the first local lady to ring a peal in West Hartlepool, and also in the County of Durham, on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 18, 1932, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... Treble	SAMUEL ROBERTS ... 5
WILLIAM J. ROBERTS ... 2	GEORGE R. JONES ... 6
FREDERICK R. EVANS ... 3	JOHN A. RANGLES ... 7
JAMES ALDERMAN ... 4	ARTHUR TILSTON ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. JONES.

Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. William Edwyn Jones.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM SEELEY ... Treble	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 5
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE ... 2	CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 6
FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 3	CECIL C. MAYNE ... 7
STEPHEN H. HOARE ... 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 29, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

RICHARD T. WOODLEY ... Treble	† RICHARD W. R. COATES ... 5
EDWIN R. GOATE ... 2	† ANDREW L. WHATLING ... 6
* GODFREY WALPOLE ... 3	† ALBERT E. COLEMAN ... 7
FREDERICK A. FINCH ... 4	CHARLES F. SAYER ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal. Rung on the 73rd birthday of the ringer of the treble. The ringers of the treble, fifth, sixth and seventh are regular Sunday service ringers at the above church.

WOKING, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 30, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HUBERT J. CHAFFEY Treble	C. ERNEST SMITH 5
WILLIAM DENYER 2	ALBERT HARMAN 6
CHARLES W. DENYER 3	CHARLES HAZELDEN 7
JOHN H. B. HESSE 4	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute to the memory of Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O., Hon. Treasurer of the Guild, a ringer at this church, and churchwarden for 25 years. The band represented the four Districts of the Guild.

ELTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 31, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Parish Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JIM HURRELL Treble	JOHN E. LYDDIARD 5
ERNEST B. CROWDER 2	ERNEST BRETT 6
JOHN J. LAMB 3	FREDERICK J. HURRELL ... 7
BERTIE W. ALDRIDGE 4	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Charles George Kay-Mount and Miss Beatrice Vera Rivers, younger daughter of the Rev. Elphinstone Rivers, Vicar of Eltham, and Mrs. Rivers.

HANBURY-ON-THE-HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 31, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Werburga,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S ODD BOB SIX-PART, No. 77.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

MAURICE SWINFELD Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	W. RICHARDSON DRAGE ... 6
JOSEPH BAILEY 3	E. HARRY STONELEY 7
J. CHARLES DICKEN 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time, and is the first odd bob six-part.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, September 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

ALFRED KEEBLE Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY 5
FREDERICK J. SMITH 2	ERNEST S. BAILEY 6
JAMES G. RUMSEY 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY 7
REGINALD C. KERSEY 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILLY.

First peal in the method on the bells. The band wish to thank Mr. F. Barber for his kind hospitality at the conclusion of the peal.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 19 cwt.

CHRIS GUDGEON Treble	WILFRED MOSS 5
THOMAS FOSTER 2	NORMAN HEAP 6
WILLIAM JONES 3	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 7
WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 4	ARTHUR BURTON Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. RIDYARD.

This peal was rung with the bells fully muffled, as a token of deepest sympathy and respect to the late Rev. Marquis Lord Normanby. He was the Vicar of Worsley some 60 years ago and an hon. member of the Lancashire Association.

CESHUNT.—At the Parish Church, for morning service, on Sunday, August 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. House (first quarter) 1, R. Cousins 2, — Corney 3, A. House 4, W. Newnham 5, W. Seabrook 6, J. Waugh (conductor) 7, H. Tulley 8.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Ignatius-the-Martyr,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*WILLIAM ARNOUR Treble	DAVID VINCENT 5
GEORGE S. TAYLOR 2	THOMAS STEPHENSON 6
HAROLD B. DITCHBURN 3	JOSEPH W. PARKER 7
FRANK AINSLEY 4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

FRANK LAWRENCE Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
ARTHUR J. MARTIN 2	FRED HAWKES 6
JOHN AUSTIN 3	CYRIL TANSSELL 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* First peal of Surprise on the bells.

BAGSHOT, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1932, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Anne,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E flat.

RONALD H. DOVE Treble	*ROYDON DAVIES 5
SIDNEY ELTON 2	*TONY PRICE 6
FREDERICK G. WOODISS 3	*DANIEL COOPER 7
*H. BERNARD WELLS 4	*CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN COX.

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of New Cambridge. First peal of New Cambridge on the bells.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
FREDERICK J. CULDM 2	JOHN WHEADON 6
*EDWIN A. BARNETT 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
EDWARD BROWN 4	HARRY HOVERD Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by HARRY HOVERD.

* First peal in the method inside. This was the conductor's 100th peal, also first peal as conductor.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROLAND KENDALL Treble	WILLIE PROCTOR 5
JOHN WINDLE 2	VERNEY BAIRSTOW 6
JOSEPH BROADLEY 3	WILLIAM AMBLER 7
ALBERT PICKLES 4	SAM LONGBOTTOM ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by WM. AMBLER.

Quickest peal on the bells.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bridget,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES L. SADLER Treble	ALFRED T. POULTON 5
WILLIAM T. POSTON 2	ARTHUR ALFORD 6
GLYN SHAW 3	WILLIAM POSTON 7
JOHN J. WEBB 4	HARVEY H. WINNEY ... Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 3, 1932, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

G. LINDOFF'S TWELVE-PART, No. 7.	Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.
PHYLLIS M. MAYNE Treble	*HARRY PENDRY 5
HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 6
WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE ... 3	MATRICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 7
STEPHEN H. HOARE 4	CECIL C. MAYNE Tenor

Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

* First peal in the method. Rung half-muffled, in memory of the Rev. C. E. A. Rowland, Vicar of the parish for 22 years, and a life member of the Association, who died on August 26th, 1932.

CLAYBROOKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 3, 1932, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

PERCY AMOS Treble	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 5
RONALD RUSSELL 2	E. HARRY STONELEY 6
ERNEST MORRIS 3	EDWIN CATTELL 7
HARRY L. SMITH 4	ERNEST H. BAGWORTH ... Tenor

Composed by F. G. HEYWOOD MAY. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANK BOREHAM Treble	JAMES BENNETT 5
MISS KATH M. BRADFORD ... 2	F. DONALD BOREHAM 6
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 3	CECIL W. PIPE 7
WILLIAM H. COLES 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to G. W. Pipe, also in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Bradford, parents of the ringer of the second.

STREATHAM, SURREY.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH
SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 3, 1932, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

MISS B. M. MILLS Treble	T. W. WELBOURNE 3
MISS H. F. MILLS 2	I. J. ATTWATER 6
*F. G. SHORTER 3	J. W. CHAPMAN 7
F. E. HAWTHORNE 4	W. E. G. HEWSON Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by I. J. ATTWATER.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss B. M. Mills.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Treble	JOHN BURLES 5
HENRY C. ALFORD 2	*HARRY ARGENT 6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 3	ALBERT A. HUGHES 7
GUY R. AMBROSE 4	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Arranged and rung as a wedding peal for Mr. F. A. Mitchell (a member of the Society) and Miss Ivy D. E. McIntier, both members of the local band, who were married in the above church immediately preceding the peal. The band were kindly entertained afterwards by Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, parents of the bridegroom.

GORTON, MANCHESTER.—On Sunday, August 21st, at Brookfield Church, for evening service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Ollier 1, P. Rushton 2, E. F. Mawby 3, A. Fearnhead 4, J. Fearnhead 5, E. Seddon 6, F. Page (conductor) 7, William Dyer (Groydon, first quarter-peal in the method) 8.

HEADCORN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, September 3, 1932, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

PHILIP HODGKIN Treble	WILLIAM BOTTON 5
CHARLES H. SONE 2	CHARLES W. FRANKLIN ... 6
*ALBERT RELFE 3	*THOMAS E. SONE 7
PERCY PAGE 4	KENNETH PATTENDEN ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

* 75th peal together.

MONKS KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, September 3, 1932, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 24½ cwt.

PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... Treble	CHARLES H. WEBB 5
ALFRED BALLARD 2	ERNEST TIPLER 6
WILLIAM A. WOOD 3	FRED COTTON 7
THOMAS PITTHAM 4	FRED PERRY Tenor

Conducted by F. COTTON.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 4, 1932, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.).

RICHARD A. POST Treble	WILLIAM A. STOATE 5
MAURICE SMITH 2	WALTER F. JUDGE 6
SYDNEY TAYLOR 3	JAMES BENNETT 7
*ALBERT W. BOND 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BREDWARDINE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 25, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven extents.

Tenor 8 cwt.

ALBERT E. WILLIAMS ... Treble	C. WILLIAM EDWARDS ... 4
ALLEN E. GWYNNE 2	HENRY J. TAYLOR 5
JAMES P. HYETT 3	CHARLES EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARDS.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

BIDDENHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 30, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being extents of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

H. EDWARD FROSSELL ... Treble	REGINALD WEST 4
J. H. R. FREEBORN 2	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL 3	PEARL INSKIP Tenor

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

This peal was arranged for the ringer of the second, in order that he might attempt his 100th peal in the parish in which his mother was born and married, and in the tower where his uncles, Charles and Percy Howard, well known to the older generation of ringers, learned to ring.

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 27, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with 10 different callings.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*FRANK G. WELLS Treble	*FRANK A. PENN... .. 4
†REGINALD H. NEWTON ... 2	A. OWEN WRINTMORE ... 5
†JOHN H. S. GIDDINGS ... 3	PERCY W. G. HARDING ... Tenor

Conducted by A. O. WRINTMORE.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.'

SEALE, SURREY.

THE GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(FARNHAM DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, August 31, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, each called differently.

E. GARDNER... .. Treble	W. DENYER 4
C. W. DENYER 2	*H. H. ALEXANDER ... 5
W. H. VIGGERS 3	R. J. WHITFORD... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. W. DENYER.

* First peal. Rung with the bells fully muffled as a token of respect to the late Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O., Hon. Treasurer of the Guild.

OLD WARDEN.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each Surfleet, Beverley, London, Wells, York, Durham, Cambridge.

Tenor 11 cwt.

JOHN J. MAWBY Treble	FRANCIS BALL 4
AMOS SMART 2	WALTER PERKINS ... 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... 3	CHARLES WM. CLARKE ... Tenor

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

WATLINGTON, NORFOLK.

On Thursday, September 1, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALFRED BACON Treble	CHARLES NEWMAN ... 4
*KENNETH NEWMAN ... 2	VICTOR BOWEN 5
GRAHAM SPRATT 3	LEE FEATHERBY Tenor

Conducted by LEE FEATHERBY.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor. The peal was rung to celebrate the recovery of the Vicar (Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake), after his serious accident.

LAUNTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 2, 1932, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, 10 callings.

Tenor 7 cwt. 5 lb.

*EDWARD G. VIRGO Treble	†SYDNEY TAYLOR... .. 4
†A. JOHN EVANS 2	†C. ELLIOT WIGG ... 5
†FREDERICK SHARPE ... 3	*EDWARD J. BRITNELL ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK SHARPE.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. Rung as a compliment to J. E. Badham, M.A., on his appointment as Headmaster of the City of Oxford High School. The ringers are all 'old boys' of the City of Oxford High School.

MIDDLETON STONEY, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*MARCUS TURNER Treble	HARRY HATFIELD 4
FREDERICK NEALE 2	FREDERICK SHARPE ... 5
†ROBERT GREEN 3	EDWIN HIMS Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN HIMS.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

BURWARTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 different callings.

E. RICHARD BALDWIN ... Treble	WILLIAM H. DAVIES ... 4
HUBERT JONES 2	ARTHUR C. NASON ... 5
WILLIAM J. BENIAMS ... 3	CHARLES H. CARTWRIGHT... Tenor

Conducted by W. J. BENIAMS.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. T. H. Parker, who is shortly leaving Burwarton.

COLNE ENGAINE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(St. Andrew's Guild, Earls Colne.)

On Saturday, September 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

FRANK CLAYDON Treble	†LEONARD NEWMAN ... 4
*MISS HILDA SNOWDEN ... 2	OLAVE E. BROYD ... 5
CLAUDE SNOWDEN 3	WALTER ARNOLD Tenor

Conducted by OLAVE E. BROYD.

* First peal with an 'inside' bell. † First peal.

WEST HENDRED, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 3, 1932, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores, ten callings.

*WILLIAM BOSHER, SEN. ... Treble	ERIC J. F. HANKS ... 4
JOHN NOBES 2	FRANK W. BONCE ... 5
WILLIAM BOSHER, JUN. ... 3	*PERCY A. HAINES ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN NOBES.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. Mr. W. Boshier, sen., is in his 73rd year, and this was his first peal. He has been ringing at the above church for forty years. The ringers of second and fifth hail from Stevenston, fourth from Milton, the remainder are local.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 29, 1932, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry, Whitechapel,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 14 in D.

EDWIN H. LEWIS... .. 1-2	MRS. G. W. FLETCHER ... 5-6
GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 3-4	*ALBERT A. HUGHES ... 7-8

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by EDWIN H. LEWIS.

* First peal of Major in hand.

A VISIT TO SOMERSET TOWERS.

On Saturday, August 20th, East Brent ringers and friends had their fourth annual outing. Starting from East Brent at 9 a.m. by motor-coach, they stopped first at Churchill, where they were met by the sexton, who kindly conducted the visitors around the church, explaining the items of interest, which everyone appreciated. Then the bells were soon sending forth their music, and the journey was continued to Dundry, where another beautiful view of Somerset's scenery is available on a clear day. Unfortunately, hazy conditions made visibility rather poor, although the principal object of the visit, the bells, which were soon in motion, caused atmospheric conditions to be forgotten for a while, and the ringing was enjoyed by all. Leaving this lovely ring of six bells, the journey was continued to Clapton-in-Gordano, where the party were met by Mr. Wyatt. After luncheon, ringing was again enjoyed, and the visitors next went on to Abbots Leigh, where Mr. G. Bennett met and rang with them. Easton-in-Gordano was the last call. In all, five towers were visited, and in each Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor were rung, with rounds for the beginners. Tea was partaken of in Bristol, and a visit to the Bristol Hippodrome completed a splendid outing which everyone enjoyed. Home was reached about 10.30 p.m. The party wish to take this opportunity of expressing their thanks to the Vicars for allowing the use of the bells, also to those who met the party and had all in readiness and assisting to make up a most enjoyable outing.

W. E. W.

A DARTFORD EXPEDITION. AN ATTACK ON LONG CRENDON.

Historians tell us that many years ago one Wat Tyler started from the neighbourhood of Dartford Church and gathered a crowd en route for London. Something similar occurred on Saturday, August 27th, but the object was not quite so drastic (the poll tax is a thing of the past, although the pint tax still rankled in the breasts of some of the company). The only slaughter contemplated was a lunch promised by the Rev. Williams, Vicar of Long Crendon (formerly of Dartford), and as the majority of the company remembered a similar encounter six years ago, they were full of fight, even if half-starved. Unfortunately, the historical starting place was not fully observed, as John H. Cheesman and Dick Smith, of Northfleet (whether in their anxiety to make sure of visiting Oxford to finish their education, or merely to make sure of a corner seat is a question to leave to their own conscience), boarded the conveyance at Greenhithe and so forestalled the main company at Dartford. A further stop was made at Crayford to pick up the arms (12 of them, tenor 18 in G), which stop was further prolonged when it was learned that one of the crowd, who was working on a night shift, had disappeared behind a machine with a bucket, some soft soap, and his Sunday clothes. After a short stay he emerged bearing not a trace of his night's toil (it is presumed he had toiled), and then off for the final 'pick-up' at Eltham, where 'Granddad' and Bob Brett-Smith filled the last available seat, causing numerous squeeze-ups and adjustments, and so off to Long Crendon, which was reached without incident about 11 a.m.

Here a pleasant surprise awaited the company, where six years ago the 'stickers' indulged in an hour's slimming, while the others bolted for the safety of the churchyard. They found instead a peal on which it was a pleasure to ring, and soon the neighbourhood was resounding with the music of London Surprise. Cambridge, Superlative, Stedman and Grandsire followed, and a 5,040 might have been 'sneaked' had not that magic word 'lunch' been called.

The meaning of this call is not explained in any of Snowden's books, but it resulted in the bells going the 'other end up' in next to no time. The next hour saw Mrs. Williams and her helpers as hard at it as the band that rang the quick peal at Crayford, minus perhaps the blisters, as carving knives and table spoons are not quite so rough as rope ends.

'Rounds' being reached again, Dick Jenkins managed to push the table away, laboriously arose and made a new record, 'a short after-dinner speech,' in which he expressed the sentiments of the entire company, their thanks for the cordial welcome, the 'spread' which fortified them all for the rest of the tour in Oxford, and congratulations upon the great improvement effected in Long Crendon belfry, and also in the church, which reflected great credit on the enthusiasm and work of the Rev. Williams. The latter, in responding, reiterated his welcome, and dwelt on some of the old Dartford associations. This left about 20 minutes before starting time for Oxford, and some made a short tour of the Vicarage grounds, while six attempted Grandsire Cinques on the lawn, which certainly came round all right, but—oh! that last helping!—with knobs on in places.

Reinforced by the Rev. Williams, the party afterwards stormed the tower of Christ Church, Oxford, the first visit to a twelve-bell tower by several of the younger members, who each availed themselves of the opportunity, and proved to Granddad that youth moves apace, for, while he was discussing the advisability of a youngster tackling the treble for his first pull on twelve, young Fred silenced the argument with 'One's going—she's gone,' and carried on as if brought up on twelve.

Table Twelve, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, rounds on the twelve, Superlative and Cambridge on the back eight brought along an invitation to visit St. Ebbe's for half an hour, and try conclusions with a 4½ cwt. peal of eight. Here again all had a ring, from rounds to Cambridge Major, although some of the younger element were only rescued from Woolworth's just in time for the last touch. A quick visit to a tea shop and then farewell to the Rev. Williams and on to the final item, All Saints', High Wycombe, where rounds, Treble Twelve, Stedman Cinques, with several local ringers, finishing with a well-struck course of Cambridge on the back eight, rung after the scheduled time for returning. The farewell to the locals had, therefore, to be somewhat brief. One incident might have marred the homeward journey but for the good temper bred by a successful day. One individual was told off after a time to keep a look out for a suitable spot for the driver to pull up and cool his engine. After several likely places had flashed passed unnoticed by the look-out man, it was realised that he was a 'T.T.' The necessary adjustment having been made, a promising spot was soon found and all was well, although there is a suspicion that the one who slept the last six miles did so deliberately in order to avoid being shown the landmarks which were observed on that road when he lost the last bus after a peal at Edenbridge and had to walk it. Eleven-thirty saw the end of 'a perfect day,' and the company wish to express their thanks by this means to the Rev. and Mrs. Williams, to the local authorities and ringers at Christ Church and St. Ebbe's, Oxford, and All Saints', High Wycombe, for the splendid assistance they gave Dick Jenkins, also Dick himself for the work he put in in so ably organising another Dartford outing that will be talked of for many a day to come.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION. RINGING CONTEST AT ORDSALL.

The annual competition of the North Notts Association took place at Ordsall, when, for the third time in succession, the Crawford Cup was won by Ordsall A team, their actual faults in a 360 of Minor being only 25, but they were penalised a further 50 points because they were ringing in their own tower. The Crawford Cup was presented to the Association in 1928 by Mr. Arthur Crawford, of Ramp-ton, in memory of his father, Mr. Charles Crawford, of East Markham, who was an enthusiastic ringer.

The judges for the contest were Mr. J. Flint (Bolsover) and Mr. J. Brothwell (Treeton). Five teams competed, each having to attempt 360 in any method.

After the contest, the competitors and friends adjourned for tea in the Ordsall Parochial Hall.

The Rector of Ordsall (the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson) presided over the business meeting which followed, and was supported by Mr. Hugh Longbotham, J.P., Ordsall House; the Rev. R. E. Rogerson (East Markham); the Rev. Arnold Doxey (West Bridgford, Nottingham, and formerly assistant curate at Ordsall), the Rev. B. Hughes (who is doing temporary duty in Ordsall parish), and Mr. R. W. Stockdale, hon. secretary of the Association.

The Rector extended a hearty welcome to the large gathering of ringers and friends, and remarked that it was one of the best he had seen in North Notts. He was pleased to say that members were showing more interest and displaying more enthusiasm in the work of the Association. There was a spirit of goodwill in the different towers. In regard to the competition for the cup, he assured members that they were doing a good work for the churches, for bell ringing in general, and change ringing in particular. The competition created great interest in the area, and he hoped members would not be afraid to enter for it. It was good experience for young ringers. He expressed the pleasure of the Association at the presence of Mrs. Crawford, and said they valued her continued interest in the Association.

THE RESULT.

Ringers were present from East Retford, Worksop, Ordsall, Anston, Blyth, Shireoaks, Sutton-on-Trent, Gamston, Collingham, Bolsover, Treeton, Misterton, Lincoln, Ranskill, Mansfield Woodhouse, Edwinstowe, Cuckney, etc.

The Rector announced the result of the contest as follows:—

Ordsall A, 25 faults, 50 penalty on a home band, total 75.

Sutton-on-Trent, 101 faults, 10 penalties, total 111.

Ordsall B, 107 faults, 10 penalty on a home band, total 117.

East Markham rang out.

Shireoaks rang out.

The cup was presented to the winning team by Mrs. Crawford, who offered her congratulations.

Mr. Longbotham was elected a vice-president of the Association; Mr. T. Bettison, Mansfield Woodhouse, a life member; and Mr. H. Proctor, Ranskill, a ringing member.

The next meeting was fixed to take place at Shireoaks in November.

Mr. H. Revill, Ordsall, assistant secretary, proposed, and Mr. J. Hurst, Ordsall, seconded, a vote of thanks to the judges.

Mr. C. McGuinness, Lincoln, moved a vote of thanks to the ladies who prepared the tea.

The Rev. R. E. Rogerson proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector of Ordsall for presiding and allowing the use of the bells for the competition. He paid a tribute to the Rector of Ordsall for the stimulus he gave to the art of ringing in the North Notts area. He said that the ringing in this part of the country was not only devotional, but it was artistic.

The Rector, in reply, acknowledged the encouragement which was given by the Vicar of East Markham to bell ringing, and remarked that if there were more Vicars like Mr. Rogerson there would be more change ringing in the area covered by the Association. There were eight splendid bells in the tower of East Markham Church, and the ringers were keen members of the Association. He wished that Mr. Rogerson would become a ringer.

BELLS NEEDING RESTORATION.

Continuing, the Rector said he was glad to tell the members that ringing matters were not quite stagnant. The church of All Saints at Barnby-in-the-Willows, near Newark, possessed four derelict bells. They were in an atrocious condition. Some person had left a sum of £300 which had to be spent on the bells, and the money could not be used in any other way. The death-watch beetle had got into the timbers. A new bell frame would be absolutely necessary, the bells would have to be recast, and he was urging the Vicar to add two more bells to make a peal of six. This would make another six-bell tower in the area of the Association. He had reason to believe that the Association would be willing to give a grant from the funds towards such an object. This might influence the Vicar to add the two bells. The authorities of St. Lawrence's Church, Norwell, Newark, had asked his advice with regard to their bells. The bells—three of them were dated 1730—were fixed in an old wood frame, and they needed restoration. His advice was to instal a steel frame and go in for two more bells, making a ring of six in this magnificent church tower. North Wheatley Church was almost completely restored, and there was a chance of the bells being taken in hand in a year or so.

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SHEFFIELD VETERAN'S BIRTHDAY.

On Sunday week, at St. Marie's Church, Norfolk Row, Sheffield, a special 82 lead touch of Bob Major was rung in 55 mins.: J. Tuke 1, J. Osguthorpe 2, George Lewis 3, T. O'Hara 4, G. Holmes 5, R. Harrison 6, T. F. Lee 7, R. Harrison, jun., 8. It was composed and conducted by Mr. George Lewis, and rung as a mark of esteem to Mr. W. Turton, of Ecclesfield, on attaining his 82nd birthday, the touch consisting of one lead for each year.

Mr. Turton comes of a ringing family, his father and two brothers having been members of the Ecclesfield Parish Church company in past years. He has taken part in several peals and in contests in the West Riding at a time when transport difficulties had to be reckoned with. He joined the Yorkshire Association in 1884, but although still active, has retired from ringing owing to failing eyesight.

MUFFLED RINGING FOR CATHEDRAL RINGER.

On Monday, August 22nd, at St. Thomas' Cathedral, Portsmouth, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,236 changes) was rung with half-muffled clappers as a token of respect to the late Mrs. F. A. Burnett, a regular ringer at the Cathedral for several years: J. H. Cassidy 1, E. Martin 2, Miss D. R. Fletcher 3, C. Shepherd 4, P. Giles 5, E. G. Williams 6, R. P. Cook 7, F. W. Rogers (composer and conductor) 8.

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There were five bells, and they were dated from 1793. The Vicar of Rlyth had yet to raise another £1,000 to meet the cost of the work of restoration which had been in progress for the last few years. It was estimated that the cost of rehanging the six bells would be about £450, and he thought an effort should be made to make up the number to eight.

It would thus be seen, concluded the Rector, that the Association was moving behind the scenes and trying to push on matters. 'The more bells there are in North Notts, and the more the ringers are together, the happier we shall be' (laughter and applause).

THE HAIGH MEMORIAL.

The Rector explained that it had been decided to place a memorial in Ordsall Church tower to the memory of Mr. Herbert Haigh, who was one of the original members of the Association and secretary for 17 years. Some little time would elapse before it was possible to secure what they desired. A faculty would have to be obtained from the Chancellor of the Diocese, and the inscription would have to be submitted to the Parochial Church Council. A cupboard had already been placed in the tower to contain bound copies of the 'Ringing World' for the past twenty years, and Mr. G. R. Winter had sent several useful ringing books to go with the collection of books left by the late Mr. Haigh.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

The quarterly meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held at Caerphilly on Saturday week. The bells, a musical ring of eight by Messrs. Taylor and Co., were raised about 3 o'clock, and kept going in various methods until 4.30. Service was then conducted by the Rector (the Rev. T. W. Davies), and the Rev. C. D. Cotterill, B.A. (curate), presided at the organ. Following the service, tea, which had been very generously provided by the Vicar, was served in the Church Hall by the wives and friends of the ringers. The Rector presided over the subsequent meeting.

The hon. secretary stated that since the last meeting was held death had taken two members, Mr. Trevor Edwards, of Penhow, and Mr. Edwin Barnett, sen., of Crayford, who was a life member. As a mark of sympathy with the relatives, the Chairman asked all to stand for a few moments in silence.

Restoration and augmentation reports were submitted, and also instructors' reports.

The place in which to hold the next Glamorgan meeting was left over for selection until the annual meeting.

A number of new members were elected and various minor items mentioned.

A vote of thanks to the chairman for his kindness, for the service, the use of the bells and his hospitality was ably proposed by Mr. W. Bolton and suitably replied to by the Rector, who remarked that it would be always a pleasure to him to do all in his power for the ringers, who were doing a noble work.

Mention must also be made of the ladies, who looked after the tea so admirably, and also of the local leader and his ringers for doing all they could to make the meeting so successful and enjoyable.

All were pleased to see Mr. Bolton present and to know that he had recovered from the serious motor accident in which he was involved at the beginning of the year.

The bells were afterwards rung in several methods until late in the evening.

OFF TO AUSTRALIA.

At Dulverton, Somerset, for evensong, on August 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. How 1, T. Newberry 2, W. Bellamy 3, W. Burge 4, C. Parkhouse 5, O. French 6, W. G. Newberry (conductor) 7, A. N. Williams 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the third, fourth, sixth and tenor. Also rung as a farewell to W. Burge, who is shortly leaving for Australia. He had not previously rung a bell in any method for eight years. First quarter-peal together by T. Newberry and W. G. Newberry (father and son).

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The paragraph in this column last week with regard to 'Empire' ringers, brings a reminder that there are at least two other well-known ringers who can be included in the list, viz., Mr. J. H. Cheesman, of Greenhithe, Kent, who at one time resided in Christchurch, New Zealand, and Mr. J. Dearlove, of Brighton, who was at Vancouver. There are thus eight Empire men available, and it is possible a peal may be arranged later on.

A well-known ringer—wild horses will not drag from us his name—had an unhappy experience while on a ringing tour lately. It must have reminded him of his war services. While out on a reconnaissance he found himself among barbed wire entanglements, with sorry results to his only available coat. And yet he was lucky—it is a good thing it was only his coat.

A young lady who rang remarkably well through a peal the other day, was noticed afterwards to be actively exercising her legs. 'What, are your legs stiff from standing so long?' asked one of the ringers. 'Yes,' came the reply, 'and so is my jaw from keeping quiet so long.'

The bells of Solihull, Warwickshire, have recently been recast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and hung in a new steel frame. The church has also been extensively renovated, and the work is to be dedicated by the Bishop of Birmingham on Saturday, October 1st.

After being a ringer for 40 years, Mr. W. Boshier, sen., of West Hendred, Berks, has rung his first peal at the age of 72!

The ringer of the 2nd in the peal of Stedman Cinques at Birmingham, published in our last issue, was George E. Large, and not George E. Fearn, as reported.

The Middlesex Association meeting arranged to be held at Southgate, on September 17th, has been postponed until September 24th.

The meeting of the Leicester District of the Midland Counties Association, which was to have been held at Syston to-morrow, has been postponed, as the bells will not be available.

Mr. I. J. Attwater, of London, is returning to America to-morrow to resume his duties as instructor of ringing at Kent School, Massachusetts.

What is probably the first peal by Old Boys of a school was rung at Lanton, Oxon, on Friday, when six Old Boys of the City of Oxford High School rang a peal of Grandsire Doubles at Lanton.

Is it correct that a well-known Midland ringer is now a travelling representative for a green pea company?

'Who,' it is asked, 'were the two lady ringers who strayed from their husbands after a visit to Skegness, and why did their spouses tour the county until the early hours in search of them?' We give it up.

RINGERS WHO DRIFT AWAY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is rather a pity 'Would-be Peal Ringer' did not give his name and tower, instead of putting all the towers in Nottinghamshire under suspicion.

He, however, said he would give his name if asked to do so—so this letter is formally to request him to disclose his identity and name of the tower he is attached to.

I feel almost sure his accusations do not apply to my tower—but I should like to be clear on the matter, and I am sure many other towers would like to be also.

St. Peter's, Nottingham.

H. R. COBBIN.

THE CASE OF A 'DRIFTER.'

Dear Sir,—As one who has 'drifted,' perhaps my case may interest others. I attended a church for 20 years (Holy Communion and other services), whether ringing was on or not. I was laid up for 28 weeks, actually in bed, and then required time to be able to walk again. During the whole of my illness I received two visits from one of my fellow-members, and when I entered the church again received sarcastic remarks, with the result that I also drifted.

Ringers, like other members of the church, should not forget that visitation of the sick is part of their Christian faith.

I have not lost ALL interest in ringing, but DRIFT from tower to tower, unattached. Also, I maintain, once a ringer always a ringer, and to those who have once loved the sound of bells, nothing will ever make them drift completely.

RATEA.

720 SHORT OF A PEAL.

CONDUCTOR USED UP ALL THE METHODS.

On Saturday, at Billingborough, Lincs, a touch of Minor, 4,320 changes, being six 720's, viz.: (1) St. Clement's and College Single, (2) Double and Single Bob, (3) Oxford and Kent, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Double and Single Court, (6) Double and Single Oxford: William Waldron 1, H. M. Day (conductor) 2, M. Billings 3, H. Carter 4, J. Curry 5, J. G. Ames 6.

This was a peal attempt, but owing to the conductor having used all the methods in the six 720's, he called 'stand,' although it was good ringing all through. The band did not throw him down the steps.

A NATIONAL ASSOCIATION ?

DIOCESAN GUILDS BEST.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In one thing only do I find myself in agreement with my friend, Mr. C. H. Kippin, namely, that the present system of overlapping existing among the 'territorial' Associations and Guilds is, in many instances, farcical. The remedy, however, does not lie in the formation of a National Association.

Supposing such an Association was brought into existence, it would have to be divided into numerous areas, with boundaries conforming either to counties or dioceses. These areas would again have to be divided into districts, just as our present Guilds are at the present time, for purposes of district meetings. These districts would elect their representatives on the area committees, which would in turn appoint delegates to the National Association committee. The expenses of the delegates from remote areas in attending committee meetings would prove prohibitive, and fully representative gatherings would seldom, if ever, result.

With the exception of the overlapping of certain ringing associations, I am at a loss to see where any improvement could be effected to our present system. All ringing bodies are linked together under the auspices of the Central Council, and it only remains, for those who have not already done so, to agree to accept all rules and decisions of that body for us to have what is, in effect, a truly national association.

The formation of a National Association would render the Central Council superfluous, but this course would be a great mistake, since it is far better that local bodies should be left to conduct their business and do their own spade work in the manner best suited to their respective and various conditions.

I am sure there are many ringers who will say, as I do, that they have never begrudged the payment of a non-resident life membership subscription when desirous of ringing bells under the auspices of Associations, toward the running of which we otherwise contribute nothing. It is, in fact, a very small return for the trouble invariably taken to ensure the utmost amount of pleasure and comfort to visiting ringers.

As regards the overlapping, I can only express the opinion that it would redound to the credit of the bodies concerned if they got together and solved their own problems instead of striving to keep their own pet society in existence regardless of the best interests of the Exercise as a whole.

For my own part, I am fully persuaded that our territorial organisations should be formed on diocesan lines. Ringing is, almost exclusively, a part of Church work, and there are times in the course of our activities when it is most essential that we should have access to, and the fullest sympathy of, various ecclesiastical bodies. To this end it is advisable that we should identify our organisations as closely as we possibly can with similar organisations of other church workers. I do not suggest for a moment that our County Associations are any less zealous in their work for ringing than our Diocesan Guilds, but it is a fact that Church dignitaries are apt to be a little narrow in their outlook upon bodies not definitely associated with their own sphere of activity. A Bishop might even be forgiven for declining to lend his full support and patronage to a Society whose boundaries might take in part of a Diocese other than his own. Certain it is that he would rather see one ringers' organisation covering the entirety of his Diocese. The point is that we want his full support rather than his aloof benediction.

Mr. Kippin has mentioned the curious instance (and unique one) of Croydon being an 'island' part of the Diocese of Canterbury. County boundaries are quite as irrational as those of Dioceses. Worcestershire is an illustration of this. On Mr. Kippin's own showing it would appear that the Association of which he is hon. secretary is hardly necessary at all, since most of the ground is served by other Societies. It only appears necessary for some arrangement to be made for Croydon and for the Society known as The London County Association and North Southwark Diocesan Guild (has anyone ever heard of a Diocese of North Southwark?) to reorganise itself into a Southwark Diocesan Guild, in order to render it completely unnecessary.

I regard it as a pity that my own Association does not change its name to 'The Chelmsford Diocesan Guild,' to which might be coupled 'late The Essex Association.' I am only deterred from pursuing the matter further because I have only been a resident member about seven years. On the one occasion that I brought the matter up the opposition appeared to come entirely from members of several years' standing, who thought more of an old-standing association with a name than they did of the best interests of our Association. In this instance no change of boundary is involved, which would simplify procedure considerably.

Similarly, it seems to me that in the case of the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Associations these should comprise a St. Albans Diocesan Guild. Such a change, although trivial in nature, might conceivably add considerably to the status of the two Associations concerned.

It was not originally my intention to digress at such length on these matters, but I shall be grateful to you, Mr. Editor, if you can find

sufficient space to give this letter in full, and I shall feel I have not written in vain should it cause some who are interested in ringers' organisations to give some thought to the possibilities that lie along the lines I have indicated.—Yours truly,

Colchester.

EDWARD P. DUFFIELD.

THE PROPOSED SCHOOL OF BELL RINGING.

BY A. S. ROBERTS.

Mr. Cave is looking ahead, and we must thank him for doing so, but his sense of vision has been lost by several correspondents. Naturally, such a proposal will take a long while to materialise, but it is to be hoped that it has already set our greater minds on the Central Council thinking. We have only to remember the Stedman Commemoration, and we are at once convinced of the fruits that can be borne by a combined effort through organised channels.

It appears that the present problem is one of finance. This is evident from the letters which have appeared on the subject, and as the actual foundation of a 'School of English Church Bellringing' is far distant, several years will, no doubt, pass before sufficient funds have accumulated to found such a school. Let us hope that this problem will be tackled in the proper manner when a definite and authoritative move is made, and in the meantime consider the advantage and usefulness of such a school, how its existence might be beneficial to the Exercise at large, and how it might help to eliminate some of the difficulties which are continually arising.

If Guilds, Associations and local towers, the last perhaps more than any, are to produce the very best results, and if progress is to be the one ambition and desire, the leadership must be in the hands of the most capable. Only too often we see ringers drift away because of the continuation of an old tradition which becomes tiresome. We are glad that the more brilliant ringers are usually recognised, but this is not always the case, and our proposed school could help us immensely in this respect, and could speak with authority. If a young ringer assumes to himself knowledge of certain matters, his own assumption is not enough, he needs the authority which would testify his ability. This is where an examination would be most useful, and it would be to a school of ringing, founded by the Exercise itself, that one would look for the necessary authority.

In addition to the suggested test in ringing, composing and conducting, it would be wise to test the student's knowledge of bells and bell hanging, and the Art in general to determine his interest in all matters connected therewith. Naturally, there would be different grades of examinations, as some conductors do not compose, and some composers do not conduct to any extent. The more good, practical and intelligent ringers we get, and the more they are recognised from their experience as conductors, ability and originality at composing, and correctness of handling a bell, and the ease which naturally follows at ringing the same, all testified to by a qualification of a certain grade, the easier and better it will be to select persons as having the ability to teach, and having taught, the knowledge to lead any band to progress faster than many do at present.

Your article on 'Ringers who drift away' certainly makes one think of the many causes, the primary one being lack of interest which checks any desire to continue. There is, however, another problem which we can call, that of the 'useless ringer,' who learns to handle a bell badly however good the instruction may be, will strike badly, sticks to a band like a limpet to a rock, is always the first to make a fuss, who usually stops away when he could fill a gap, and turns up if he is not wanted: in fact, a most troublesome and tiresome person. Our school might set us a standard of general efficiency, accepted by every Guild and Association, which would eliminate and rid us of such a person, often a greater problem than that of finance.

The question of a National Association is one which will have to be handled with great caution, and, to be candid, does not appear to have a very wide appeal. How is it to be proceeded with? It would revolutionise all present organisations. We must agree with Mr. Kippin that the overlapping in his district gives cause for general complaint, but we have also to point out that Diocesan Guilds, firmly established, recognised, and welcomed as diocesan organisations, are extremely jealous of this title as a setting and background, and sincerely hope that the protective distinction shall remain so that our connection with the Catholic Church in England shall never appear to be altered by change of title. For instance, we in the Diocese of Truro would very much resent our title being altered to the 'Cornish Branch of the National Association of Ringers.' Since the beginning of the Oxford Movement, a great deal has been done so that Ringers' Guilds are more and more recognised as a valuable organisation within a diocese, and we do not want the Central Council to have before it next year, when the Centenary of this Movement is to be celebrated, a proposal to form a National Association.

Rather, we would wish the Council to express a strong desire and recommendation for reorganisation in Diocesan Guilds, where possible, and we would also like to see the appointment of a committee to draw up a proposal of such reorganisation. Of course, it would be a representative committee which would understand the difficulties. We desire the Council to lead us in all matters, and in important matters as recently and herein discussed it must be our guide. As a body it has done much for the Exercise, and it will do more.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN SOUTER.

A SUFFOLK VETERAN.

A well-known stalwart in Suffolk ringing has passed away in the person of Mr. John Souter, of Diss, who, had he lived until the 21st of this month, would have been 82 years of age. Mr. Souter died on Saturday after only a short illness. Prior to that he had been rarely indisposed, and it was not until he was 80 that he was visited by a doctor.

Mr. Souter was a native of Mendham, near Harleston, and had lived since 1884 in Diss, being the licensee of the Sun Inn. He had been associated with ringing since boyhood, and helped to ring the bells at Mendham in celebration of the marriage of the late King Edward. Mr. Souter was a fine ringer, and very outspoken if there was any bad striking. A certain clergyman who went to ring at Diss, and made a very poor hand at striking, was admonished by Mr. Souter something after this manner: 'Sir, you are the worst striker we ever had in this steeple, but it is not your fault. It is the fault of the ringers who taught you. When you handled your rope wrongly, and made bad attempts in ringing rounds, they told you it was quite all right because they were afraid to offend you.'

Right up to the day before his last illness, Mr. Souter rang regularly. He had rung 218 peals in all, many of which he conducted, including one by a band of septuagenarians.

The bells of Diss Parish Church were rung half-muffled on Sunday, and the funeral took place on Wednesday.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

OFFICERS OF THE NORTHERN DISTRICT.

On Saturday the Northern District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, following their custom of visiting as many towers as possible, held a meeting at Cramlington. This colliery village possesses a fine church with a peal of six bells (tenor 20 cwt.). The bells were kept going from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m., when an adjournment was made to the Parish Hall for tea. An excellent repast had been prepared by the friends of the local ringers, which was thoroughly enjoyed. The Rev. — Fox, the curate, joined the company, and apologised for the absence of the Vicar, who had only that day returned from holiday.

A short business meeting was held to elect officers for the ensuing session. Messrs. John and R. S. Anderson having expressed their intention of not standing for another year, Messrs. W. L. Gofton and Richard A. Gofton were elected vice-president and district secretary respectively in their places.

The retiring vice-president thanked the members for their support, and hoped the same help would be given to his successor.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to the ladies for the excellent tea.

After a short touch on the handbells, a return was made to the tower, where many methods were rung. Everyone agreed that the meeting had been successful, and especially for the assistance given to the younger ringers.

REV. ROBERT HERRICK'S CHURCH.

HELP NEEDED FOR BELL RESTORATION FUND.

Dean Prior, near Buckfastleigh, Devon, is situate about midway between Exeter and Plymouth, on the main road.

The Church is dedicated to St. George the Martyr.

Two of its stained glass windows have been placed in the church within the last seven years: one to the memory of the very well-known and much beloved Vicar, the Rev. C. J. Perry Keene, and his wife, who both died in 1926; the other, subscribed for by lovers of the erstwhile Post-Vicar of Dean Prior, the Rev. Robert Herrick. He was appointed to the living in 1629, thrust out during the Commonwealth, and returned after the Restoration. He died at Dean in 1674, and was buried in some spot unknown to-day. Some think in one of the aisles, others under one of the yew trees in the churchyard.

The tower of the church contains a ring of five bells, with a tenor of 13 cwt. The treble is by Warners, and dated 1886. The second was recast by Hamblyn, of Blackawton, in 1836, and the third and fourth are by Pennington, dated 1734. The tenor, dated 1734, is by Henry Mudge.

It is interesting to note that on the three back bells are the arms of John Yarde, who would evidently be of the same family as the present Vicar of Dean Prior, the Rev. Canon the Hon. R. J. Yarde-Buller. For some years past the 'go' of the bells has been far from satisfactory, and the tower has been in a state of dilapidation. In June, 1929, it was deemed necessary to cease all ringing, as it was considered it would damage the tower. Steps are being taken to obtain funds for their restoration, and a new treble bell has been generously offered to increase them to six. Estimates have been obtained from two well-known firms of founders, and it is evident that over £400 will be required. As the parish is a very poor one, it is necessary to appeal to the outside public, and any donations, however large or small, will be very gratefully received by the Rev. Canon the Hon. R. J. Yarde-Buller, Dean Prior Vicarage; the Churchwardens at Dean Prior; Mr. Edgar Hoare, Higher Dean, Buckfastleigh; or Mr. A. L. Bennet, 9, Bossell Terrace, Buckfastleigh.

BURTON WORTHIES.

ANNUAL GATHERING OF THE 'ANCIENT CLAN.'

Through the generosity of Mr. W. W. Worthington, each year there gathers together the 'ancient clan' of Burton, and although time, in its inexorable march, gathers them one by one to their rest, the 'family' make the best of their time in fraternal reunion. This year—on August 27th—they met as usual at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, and the first arrivals consisted of Mr. W. W. Worthington, Messrs. J. Jaggard, J. Austin, W. Smith, E. W. Beadsmore, J. Hough, J. H. Swinfield, J. George, and 'Maurice, the Stedmanite.' After a memento group photo had been taken, they adjourned to the belfry, where Stedman Triples and Double Norwich were rung. During the latter touch the party was augmented by the arrival of Messrs. J. Oldham, of Loughborough Bell Foundry, and Ernest Morris, of Leicester, better known as the author of the 'History and Art of Change Ringing.' A course of Caters was rung, and then all hustled down to motor to Alrewas. Here a fine ring of eight were set going to Maurice's favourite method, while Morris explored archaeology. Then Double Norwich was essayed, and John J. did a few gymnastic tricks on the treble. Away again (after Maurice had had a little practice on his yo-yo) to Netherseale, through some very fine country. Here, as may be guessed from the numerous peal tablets, was formerly the home of Mr. Worthington, and, although the ring is a left-handed one, Stedman Triples and Kent Major were rung. Off again to Tamworth, and here, in a magnificent church, hang a worthy ring of eight, recently overhauled and rehung by Taylor's. After another go on his yo-yo, Maurice called a musical odd bob touch of Stedman, at the conclusion of which the 'still small voice' of the youth from Birmingham exclaimed, 'I'd love to turn the tenor in to Double Norwich.' His wish was gratified! Then to Lichfield St. Michael, whose churchyard is reputed to be one of the largest in England.

After noting the gravestone inscription of the parents of his (so he believes, but not yet definitely established) ancestor, Dr. S. Johnson, the 'author' pulled up the tenor in a very fine 'rise.' On Mr. Worthington suggesting 120 Grand sire Doubles, and J. O. volunteering to call it, the 'author' gasped to find only six bells in the tower, and he thought there were eight! Evidently he had been with his departed ancestors during the raising of the bells, for it was noted he had his eyes shut! Touches of Stedman and Plain Bob brought the ringing to a close, when tracks were made for Maple Hayes to enjoy the hospitality of our host. After a look round the grounds, full justice was done to the sumptuous fare provided.

Adjourning, the evening was spent in recounting past adventures, viewing Mr. Worthington's book of memoirs, etc., and J. C. hopelessly trying his hand at yo-yo! The titbit of the evening was Maurice performing at the piano a course of Double Norwich, and a touch of Stedman Triples called by J. George, who also called the same on handbells. After J. J. had sung how it should be rung, he and the 'author' played a tune on handbells, when J. J. broke out into song again! About this time our host was missing, but later was espied in a corner taking a lesson from Maurice on the yo-yo. Evidently he was not successful, for the remark was heard in an undertone, 'Here, take the blank thing, it's only a kid's plaything.' All too soon the time arrived for each to wend his way homewards, after giving the host a hearty vote of thanks, and expressing a wish that all might be present again another year.

AN OLD PEAL MODERNISED.

The peal of Bob Major rung 'in hand' at the Whitechapel Bell Foundry was arranged from the well-known six-part peal by J. Reeves. The calls were first rearranged so as to keep the 2nd cut of 5-6, and the peal was shortened to five parts on the plan believed to have been first introduced by the Rev. E. Banks James, but subsequently used by many other composers.

5040 BOB MAJOR.

23456	W	M	H
34256	—	—	2
53246	—	(b)	3
52436	—	—	2
64235	(a)	—	—
23645	—	—	—

Four times repeated.

(a) Call single for bob in first part.

(b) Call single for plain in fourth part.

A DATE TOUCH.

At St. James' Church, West Derby, Lancs, on September 1st, a date touch of 1932 changes (492 Oxford Bob and 720 each Oxford and Kent Treble Bob), in 1 hour 9 minutes: E. L. Corteen (longest length) 1, D. Parry 2, J. Brown (conductor) 3, J. Martin 4, J. McKee 5, H. Hancock 6. Longest length on the bells since they were rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank two years ago, the 'go' being all that is desired.

5,040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR. AND THE REV. E. B. JAMES' CAMBRIDGE MINOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In the 1927 Edition of The Central Council's 'Rules and Decisions,' page 15, it is laid down as a condition of peal ringing that 'On all numbers of bells a true peal shall in all cases start from and end with rounds' (1898). Therefore, the Rev. E. Bankes James' composition of Cambridge Surprise Minor does not consist of seven true and complete 720's. In this peal there are two touches of 2160 each (three 720's spliced) and one 720. It is a fact that if the initial row 123456 is taken to be part of the first lead, and so on throughout the peal, each 720 is true, but as the first change FROM rounds is 214365, and the peal MUST end WITH rounds, six of the 720's in this composition are false in themselves.

When the Council's definition of a peal of Minor was amended by the Hereford resolution, it was generally agreed that Mr. James' peal was thereby admitted, but I submit that the above condition rules it out of those peals of Minor consisting of 'seven true and complete 720's.' I make no attack on Mr. James' peal. It is an excellent composition, and, having rung it, I would not wish to ring 'seven true and complete 720's,' some with the tenors dodging the wrong way. But just to bring it within a certain 'decision' is not sufficient reason for completely ignoring another 'decision.' Would it be admitted in a peal of Triples? Suppose that I, in calling a peal of Stedman Triples, stopped the bells at the handstroke lead of 1325476, and then claimed to have rung a peal because rounds was rung at the beginning. Would it be passed without strong objections? It might be said that in any case the bells should come round, but why ring rounds twice in a peal of Triples, and why should not I have my rounds at the beginning instead of at the end, if such a right is claimed in Cambridge Surprise Minor?

The Hereford resolution was an attempt to bring the Council's definition of peals of Minor and Doubles up to date, and to include Mr. James' peal and similar compositions. It, however, does not go far enough, and should be amended to include such peals as Mr. Turner's one-part peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. This composition contains each of the 720 changes seven times only. So does Mr. James' peal, and so does a peal consisting of 'seven true and complete 720's.' How can one be false, and the others true, when they all contain the same changes exactly the same number of times?

This is not a matter of going backwards or forwards, but of widening the scope of ringing. A peal such as Mr. Turner's will test the ability of present-day conductors much more than calling seven separate 720's, and as such should be encouraged. The only real objection to ringing such a peal is, as was once scathingly said by a late member of the Council, 'that grandpapa did not do it.' I suggest that grandpapa would have done it if the great idea had occurred to him.

—Yours faithfully,

21, Vincent Road, Highams Park, E.4.

C. T. COLES.

COUNCIL'S RULES SHOULD BE ADHERED TO.

Dear Sir,—During the past three or four years I have often wondered whether a certain section of the Central Council wishes to thrust their ideas upon the Exercise. Several things have happened which, under existing laws laid down by the Council, are irregular.

Personally, I do not care what is rung, so long as it complies with the rules laid down from time to time by the Council. Amongst the Central Council publications is a book entitled 'Rules and Decisions,' on page 17 of which rules will be found which should be strictly adhered to if the Council is to be the proper authority. Rule: 'That peals of Minor consist of at least seven true and complete 720's, the bells striking round only once, at the end of each and immediately going into the next.' No one has any right to ring anything different to the above—that is, if the Council is to rule.

If a departure from the above rule is thought necessary, then alter it in a straightforward manner. There is no necessity to ring Bankes James' Cambridge Minor to get 5-6 right way in a peal. A peal can be obtained in seven different extents or variations, 5-6 right way, which will comply with the rules.

J. HUNT.

At the meeting of the Central Council at Hereford in 1928 the rule referred to above was altered by, inter alia, the following:—

'That peals of Minor consist of at least seven true and complete 720's, rung without interval and without "rounds" or any other row being included or rung more than once in any 720.'

A WILTSHIRE OUTING.

The ringers of St. Mary's Church, Rodbourne Cheney, Wilts, had their first annual outing on Saturday, when a party of 20 (including several friends) set off for a circular tour, stops being made for ringing at Marlborough, Pewsey and Upavon (where tea was also taken), and then on to Market Lavington, Devizes and Bishops Cannings. The ringing varied from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise Minor, but, owing to the large number of six bell ringers, the eight bell ringing was confined to Stedman and Bob Major. Everyone voted the outing a success, and expressed the hope that it was the forerunner of many others to come. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the incumbents of the churches and all others who contributed to such a successful day.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT BANGOR.

The North Wales Association held their half-yearly meeting at Bangor on Saturday. About thirty members attended, representing Wrexham, Llandudno, Rhyll, Portmadoc and Bangor. Mr. A. J. Hughes (Bradford), the former Ringing Master of the Association, was also present. A service was held in St. David's Church, and conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. Cybi Jones), who gave an interesting address and warmly welcomed the Association to Bangor.

At the business meeting which followed the secretary referred to the loss the Association had sustained by the death of the president (the Rev. W. M. Morgan-Jones), and as a mark of respect the members stood in silence.

An apology for absence was received from the vice-president (Chancellor Watkin Davies), who unfortunately had caught a chill, and so was unable to attend. Two new members were elected, including the Rev. R. Cybi Jones, who is becoming quite proficient in the art of ringing.

Several alterations to rules and suggestions were discussed, but were adjourned to the annual meeting, which is to be held at Rhyll.

The business having been disposed of, tea, kindly provided by the local ringers, was partaken of.

Before returning to the belfry for further ringing, a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. A. J. Hughes to the Vicar for presiding, and also to the ladies who had prepared a most excellent tea.

Some very good practice was put in under the guidance of the Ringing Master (Mr. A. E. Pegler). It was pleasing to note how well two or three of the lady ringers could handle their bell.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Hellingly on Saturday, August 27th, when about 20 members attended from Mayfield, Heathfield, Hastings (All Saints), Eastbourne (St. Saviour's), and the local band. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. Busch), who gave a most interesting address on bells.

A splendid tea was provided in the Parish Room, the Vicar presiding. At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar occupied the chair, and Mr. C. M. Taylor, of Eastbourne, was elected an hon. member. The election of Mr. E. H. Lewis, of Brasted, Kent, as a non-resident life member was confirmed.

The Secretary announced that the Association had now been split into four Divisions, and that the Eastern and Western Divisions were holding six meetings this year instead of four.

Mr. W. D. Smith proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and his address at the service.

The Vicar, in responding, stated how pleased he was to welcome the Association, and only wished he had eight bells to offer them.

This concluded the business, and the members returned to the tower and kept the bells going until 8 o'clock.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

BUILDING UP A BAND AT LYCHETT MATRAVERS.

The Wimborne branch held a quarterly meeting at Lytchett Matravers on September 3rd, when, despite the unfavourable weather, there was a good attendance.

The usual service took place, and the Rector (Rev. J. A. R. Swade) gave an excellent address, in the course of which he welcomed the company to this recently affiliated tower of the Guild. The bells were augmented from three to six last November, and he was very pleased—not only with the bells themselves, but with those they had to ring them. It was only at the time of dedication that the local ringing band was formed under the leadership of Mr. E. Head, all possessing little knowledge of the art, but with kind assistance from Poole, they now had become very promising. Five ladies are also receiving instruction (but one more is wanted), so that when a vacancy occurs it may be filled.

Tea was partaken of in the Church Hall, followed by a business meeting. The Rector, who presided, was elected an hon. member.

Mr. J. I. Davis introduced 'The Ringing World' to the new members, who decided to purchase three copies regularly.

A comprehensive vote of thanks was accorded by the Rev. C. A. Phillips to the Rector and to those who had helped in making such a successful meeting. The members then adjourned to the tower.

Earlier during the day the ringers were honoured by a visit to the belfry from Sir Evelyn and the Hon. Lady Cecil, accompanied by Commander Lane, of Bloxworth, and Mrs. J. A. R. Swade, who were deeply interested in the art, and intently watched a touch of Stedman being rung.

A BROKEN ROPE.

On Saturday an attempt for a peal of Surprise Minor, at Emberton, Bucks, was lost through a rope breaking, after ringing 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, London, Wells, York, and 600 of Durham: F. Maynard 1, H. W. Gayton 2, A. Smart 3, Miss E. Steele 4, C. W. Clarke 5, W. Perkins (conductor) 6.

IN THE WIMBORNE DISTRICT.

A GLOWING EXAMPLE.

Those who are acquainted with the art of bellringing in this charming corner of the Salisbury Diocese need little telling of the splendid meetings that take place there. One cannot omit referring to the valuable and energetic secretary, the Rev. C. A. Phillips, who does much to make any such event an enjoyable one. An accomplished change ringer, he is always prepared to eliminate himself for the comfort of others, and once again his goodwill was bestowed upon the company who attended a meeting at Cranborne recently, visiting Cricchel and Gussage St. Michael en route.

Prior to mentioning the details of ringing business, it may be amusing to reveal how 'spice' was added to the occasion. It was in the midst of the August heat wave. A coach left Bournemouth at 2 o'clock, and collected the 'strayed' in the course of its drive to Poole, where 'Fred' and his 'scholars' were in readiness. It then proceeded towards Wimborne. Only a short distance had been covered when a 'Morris' car—in the skilled hands of an adventurous-looking person—flashed by. However, it did not hold its pace or place, for, after leaving Wimborne, it was a case of 'finding way,' and consequently the 'witty Morris' crawled at the rear, for we were able to accept the route from a member who, to our knowledge, was familiar with the district; but apparently he was out for fun, and not until a road-sign indicated Cricchel one mile in the opposite direction to which we were travelling did we discover his idle intentions. So we returned accordingly—meanwhile, the 'Morris' had made inquiries as to the direction of the church, and considered itself possessing sufficient information to overtake again, gave us the signal to follow. The result was we were misled to some country mansion. A motor-cycle had by that time ranked in procession, and this, with car and coach, came to a standstill on private property. So back again—three times through one village—but the 'Morris' had not digested the instruction of a native this time, and promptly challenged us to the church. It was a strange road, but all was well, and the most enthusiastic 'fans' from North Dorset were ready to greet us.

The bells were soon swinging, but slipping ropes for a while caused a little inconvenience. Eventually 'Jim' remedied the situation, enabling a few short touches to be rung.

The length of the journey caused time here to be limited, but it was anticipated the run to Gussage would be simple and provide an opportunity to recover some of the lost minutes. But yet again a little way on the road and further inquiries as to the route led to the discovery that we had been carefully 'misguided' along three sides of a square instead of one. Nevertheless, we arrived, finding 'Morris' parked in the churchyard entrance. The moral is, 'If you want to find your way, never ask a native.'

A very hearty welcome was extended by the Rector, the Rev. O. M. Stent, whose interesting talks added considerably to the pleasure of the visitors. An old Jacobean staircase led to the ringing chamber, where an unusual right-hand ring was experienced.

But the story does not end here. Mr. Good, churchwarden, refreshed the company with 'cider,' which was partaken of beneath the shady yew. The curious growth of the tree led to a discussion, but an expert on the matter 'could see' that two trees had grown into one. This apparently testified to the quality of the cider. We understand an invitation has been accorded to visit Gussage next year at 'cider-time.'

We went on to Cranborne, and, on passing through 'St. Giles,' some cheerful person pointed out the 'old stocks,' but it is pleasing to state no one qualified for them just then. A fair number partook of tea at Cranborne, including a goodly number of ladies, without whom no party is complete.

A brief business meeting followed, in the course of which Mr. J. I. Davis expressed sympathy, on behalf of the company, with the Rev. C. A. Phillips, who had sustained the loss of his brother-in-law. It was decided to convey condolence to those who are mourning the loss of Mr. J. R. Jerram, of Salisbury, one of the oldest members of the Guild. The gathering stood in silence as a token of respect.

The speaker then made reference to 'The Ringing World.' He said those who profess to have the cause at heart should not hesitate to support their specialised journal, for if the Exercise were suddenly left without a paper devoted to its interests, it would be a staggering blow. He mentioned how one copy had been shared in a tower among the whole band, but this was not good enough—one between every two ringers should be the least. 'In our own tower (Poole),' he said, 'we have ordered four extra copies, in addition to those obtained regularly in the past. This,' he added, 'is an example I trust many others will adopt.'

A vote of thanks was accorded to those who had given much consideration to the company, and for such a splendid tea, the appreciation of which was shown by what was consumed.

The ringers then proceeded somewhat lazily to the tower, where touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent and Double Norwich were rung.

Although only a practice meeting, there was a good attendance, and the ever keen and enthusiastic Ringing Master, Mr. F. W. (Fred) Townsend, with the popular Mr. W. C. (Bill) Shute, of North Dorset, rendered much help to the 'enterprising' learner. We were glad to

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A very enjoyable meeting of the South-Eastern Division was held at Fryerning on Saturday last. Ringers were present from Braintree, Broomfield, Bentley (St. Paul's), Chelmsford, Cheshunt, Great Baddow, Galleywood, Woodford, Romford, Writtle, Springfield and Fryerning. The Rector (the Rev. C. S. Trimble) conducted the service, and gave an inspiring address. Tea was served in the Rectory, given by the members and friends of the local band.

The business meeting followed, Mr. C. H. Howard, J.P. (Master of the Association), taking the chair. Two non-resident life members were elected.

It was arranged to hold a mid-week meeting at Writtle about the middle of October. The exact date will be announced later.

The annual district meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Saturday, November 26th.

The Master proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector, the organisers, the ladies and the local band for their warm welcome.

A VISIT TO LOUGHBOROUGH.

The famous Loughborough Bell Foundry was the venue selected for the annual outing of the Guildsborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild. Starting from East Haddon at 1.30 p.m. via Welford to pick up others of the party, the journey was made via Leicester, through beautiful Leicestershire scenery, which was looking at its best on this lovely August afternoon. The foundry was reached just after 3.30, when the party were met by Messrs. Fidler and Stubbs, of the foundry staff, and the Guild Master, Mr. F. Wilford, and his party, who had arrived earlier, and others who had made the journey by car, all being eager to make the best of the time at their disposal. They were escorted round the foundry, where they saw many fine bells in various stages of manufacture from the mould to the tuning shop, which, although being the least compartment, is the most important of all, as everyone must know who has heard the famous Taylor bells. After this interesting tour, the visitors found more excitement, as the foundry campanile was at their disposal, and good use was made of these 'little beauties' from rounds to Treble Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples.

Tea was served at the Enterprise Cafe. Next came ringing on the fine peal of ten (tenor 30 cwt.) at the Parish Church, which were made good use of in various methods until 7 p.m. After visiting the famous war memorial carillon, and a 'welcome refresher' by the kind hospitality of Mr. Fidler, a start on the homeward journey was made at 8.30. Everyone agreed that a most enjoyable afternoon had been spent, made possible only by the kind hospitality of Messrs. Taylor and Co.

G. A. H.

LUTON RINGERS' TRIP.

The annual outing of the Luton Parish Church bellringers took place on Saturday, August 27th, when they visited Loughborough. The day was all that could be desired, and the journey was made by the noon 'Scotsman' train of the L.M.S. Railway, seats being reserved for the party. Lunch was partaken of on the train. The ringers were met at Loughborough by Mr. C. Harrison, Messrs. Taylor and Co.'s representative, who piloted them round the bell foundry. There were various peals of bells on view, which included the frame and new peal of 13 bells for Leeds Parish Church and the old peal of 10 from Ripon Cathedral. A visit was then made to the Campanile for a ring on the light peal of 10, the treble weighing about 2 gr. and the tenor 6½ cwt. The visitors soon got used to this light ring, and rang touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Cambridge Surprise Major.

After tea at the Enterprise Cafe, a visit was made to the Parish Church of All Saints, with its lovely ring of 10 bells, the methods rung on this grand peal being Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Bob Royal, Stedman and Grandsire Caters, and London Surprise Major. The Luton band wish to thank the Vicar of All Saints, Messrs. Taylor and Co., for the use of the bells and the visit to the bell foundry, and Mr. Harrison, for looking after the visitors, who will ever remember their first visit to Loughborough.

A HALF-PEAL.

At Knutsford, Cheshire, on Tuesday, August 30th, 2,520 Bob Minor, in 1 hour 25 minutes: J. Webb 1, R. Hough 2, J. Johnson 3, C. Potthecary 4, N. Hough 5, S. Hough (conductor) 6. Rung to commemorate the Mrs. Caskell centenary.

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have the assistance of two ringers who had been less fortunate in peal attempts at Ringwood and Southampton during the day, but who retained sufficient energy to join us in the evening. 'Fred' went home delighted after the 'perfect touch' of 'Double Norwich,' while others amongst the community still talk of the good drinks at Gussage.

Thus the day ended, as one may term it, like a sweet song, but its tune will linger on.

L. F. C.

NOTICES.

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PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association invite subscriptions to enable them to place in Tewkesbury Abbey a memorial of the great services rendered to the Exercise by the late Rev. Charles D. P. Davies. It is proposed to add two bells to the present peal of ten and to furnish one of the side chapels as a 'Ringers' Chapel.' A sum of £250 is required.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on Sept. 29th, St. Magnus on the 22nd; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 15th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 20th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Ashford, on Saturday, September 10th, by kind permission of Rev. R. S. B. Sinclair, M.C., M.A. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, followed by the business meeting and election of officers. A good attendance is looked for, and a card for tea would be appreciated. All ringers welcome.—A. C. Kay, Dis. Sec., 6, Sturges Road, Ashford.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—Meeting at Chiddingfold on Saturday, September 10th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30.—G. L. Grover, Hon. Sec., East Clandon, near Guildford.

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Luppitt, near Honiton, on Saturday, September 10th. Bells (6) 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Bus and train will be met by arrangement. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Patrington, on Saturday, September 10th. Bells (6) available from 2 to 9 p.m. Service in Church at 4.30. Tea 1s. 6d. each, on Rectory Lawn, if fine. The presentation to Mr. A. B. Cook, the late Dis. Sec., will be made at this meeting.—Horace S. Morley, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Ebor Street, Selby.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Harpole on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells 3.15 p.m. Service 4.15.—F. Browning, 10, Butts Hill, Bugbrooke, Northampton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A by-meeting will be held at Lyminge on Saturday, September 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly notify Mr. A. Webb, 2, Kimberley Terrace, Lyminge, on or before Friday, September 9th?—Percy W. Smith.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 10th, at Mirfield. Bells (10) available from 1 p.m. Tea, at 1s. per head.—Wm. Ambler, Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Enstone on Saturday, Sept. 10th.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells available from 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, at the Angel Inn, 5 p.m.—N. G. Williams, Hon. Sec. Weston House, Weston, Bath.

NORWICH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—Meeting at Great Yarmouth, Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. Business meeting 5 p.m., Rev. Canon Aubrey Atkins presiding. All visitors welcome.—J. Harwood, Hon. Sec., 4, Cobden Terrace, Northgate Street, Great Yarmouth.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Special meeting, on invitation of the Vicar, at South Church, Bishop Auckland, on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells available after 2.30. Tea in Mission Room at 5 o'clock, 6d. each.—George S. Taylor, Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A 'meeting-cum-outing' will be held on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Ringing arrangements: Bedfont (6), 3.15–4.30 p.m.; Stanwell (5), 4.45–5.15 and 6.15–7 p.m.; Harmondsworth (6), 7.30–8.45 p.m. Tea at the Wheatsheaf, Stanwell, at 5.15 p.m. Assistance of motor transport welcomed, but buses (116 and 506) connect. Route 116 leave Hounslow at 2.53 and Bedfont 3.15 and then hourly. A hearty welcome to all ringers and friends.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 16, Nellgrove Road, Hillingdon Heath, Middlesex.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—N. Dorset Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Buckhorn Weston on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—E. V. Roe, Caundle Marsh Rectory, Sherborne, Dorset.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A joint meeting of the Liverpool and Wirral Branches will be held at Port Sunlight on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. For tea notify Mr. H. Brocklebank, 3, Ridley Street, Birkenhead.—Claude I. Davies, H. Brocklebank, Branch Secs.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—The annual district meeting at Sawston on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, in the Church Institute, at 5 o'clock. Election of district officers. Please apply for diagram of Sawston Imperial.—K. Willers, Dis. Sec., Sweetbriars, Trumpington, Cambridge.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Redditch on Saturday, Sept. 10th. Service in church at 4.15, with address by the Vicar (Rev. L. Bradley). Bells available at 3 p.m.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

BRIDFORD, near EXETER.—The ring of six bells restored by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Crediton at 7 p.m. on Thursday, the 15th inst.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—WITHAM.—Dedication of two trebles, to complete the octave, by the Lord Bishop of Colchester, at the Parish Church, Saturday, September 17th. Service 3 p.m. Tea provided at the Church House for those who give notice to Mr. A. Evers, 6, Chipping Hill, Witham, not later than Thursday, September 15th. All ringers will be welcome.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., North-Eastern Division.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting will be held at Knaresborough on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. per head to all who make application to the Rev. J. L. Ogle, The Vicarage, Knaresborough, not later than first post Wednesday, Sept. 14th. Members are reminded that subscriptions are now overdue, and should be paid without delay.—J. E. Cawser, Grange Villas, Ravensfield Common, near Rotherham.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.—Cricket match versus Wrington and Others, at Wrington, on Saturday, September 17th. Private bus leaves St. Stephen's Church, Bristol, 1.15 p.m., fare 1/8 return. Tea at moderate charge. Annual dinner.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual dinner will be held at the Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol, on Saturday, January 21st, at 6 p.m. Bishop of Malmesbury guest of the evening.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 48, Jamaica Street, Bristol.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Lydd on Saturday, September 17th. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—P. Page, Hon. Sec., 110, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford, Kent.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Highworth on Saturday, September 17th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 1/- per head, followed by the business meeting.—S. Hopper, 79, Edinburgh Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, September 17th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30.—H. Hamer, Hon. Branch Sec., 4, Nall Street, Milnrow.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A joint meeting with the Warwickshire Guild will be held at Burbage on Saturday, September 17th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea, 1/- each, at 5. Please endeavour to make this meeting a success.—A. E. Rowley, Local Hon. Sec., Station Road, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Llangattock, on Saturday, September 17th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at 5, kindly supplied by the Vicar.—F. E. Thomas, Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kingsclere and Wolverton on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells available from 2.30. Service in Kingsclere Church at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. in Kingsclere Schools. Business meeting follows. All requiring tea please notify by Sept. 12th to Major J. G. Stilwell, Hon. Sec., Lea Cottage, Yateley, Hants.

DEVON GUILD.—Aylesbeare Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Littleham Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Service at 4 p.m., with address by the Vicar of Exmouth. Tea 4.45. Please send numbers by Sept. 12th to M. Powell, Hon. Sec., Clyst St. George, Exeter.

EAST DERBYSHIRE AND NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Denby on Saturday, September 17th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock will be arranged for those who notify me by Wednesday previous.—J. W. England, The Common, South Normanton.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary and All Saints', Beaconsfield, on Saturday, September 17th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea to follow. Those requiring tea please notify Miss D. Fletcher, 11, Aylesbury End, Beaconsfield. Gentlemen cordially invited.—M. L. Cross.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Westhoughton on Saturday, September 17th, instead of the 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 203, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held as a joint one with the Hinckley District of the Midland Counties Association on Saturday, September 17th, at Burbage, near Hinckley. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. Please turn up in good numbers.—D. E. Beamish, Gen. Hon. Sec., Green Ways, Gipsy Lane, Nuneaton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Salehurst on Saturday, September 24th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, at 1/3 per head, followed by business meeting. Will all those intending to be present kindly let me know not later than Wednesday, the 21st?—A. C. Pankhurst, Hon. Div. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Chorley on Saturday, Sept. 24th. Service at 3.30. Tea at 4.30. Meeting at 5.30. Further particulars later.—W. H. Shaker, 106, Bank Street, Clayton, Manchester, and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Eastwood, Rotherham, on Saturday, September 24th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service at 5, and tea, at 1/- per head, 5.30. Please notify Mr. A. G. Measures, 22, Rother View Road, Canklow, Rotherham, by Thursday, the 22nd, for tea.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Christ Church, Southgate, on Saturday, September 24th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea, 1/- each, at 5.30. Please advise Mr. W. Pickworth, 2, Balaam's Lane, N.14, if you require tea. All ringers welcomed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND NORTH SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern District.—A summer outing meeting will be held at Beddington on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (10) at 2.30. Tea and meeting at 5.30, at Harvest Home. Ringing and social hour after. Names for tea to Mr. C. H. Kippin, 18, Guy Road, Beddington, by the 15th. Cheap returns from London termini. All ringers and friends welcomed.—J. Herbert, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next practice meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Mary's, Prestwich (8 bells), on Saturday, September 17th. Tower open for ringing at 6 p.m. Members and non-members are cordially invited to attend.—D. Brown, Branch Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Grundisburgh on Sept. 17th. Bells (8) available 2 p.m. Tea in Parish Room at 4.30 (9d. each). Meeting follows.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells (12) available from 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be present kindly advise me by Sept. 14th without fail?—E. J. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath, Essex.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting of the Cheltenham Branch will be held at Cowley on Saturday, Sept. 17th. Bells open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Please notify me by the 13th inst. those who intend being present.—Walter Yeend, Branch Hon. Sec., Mellfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will hold a six-bell contest and quarterly meeting at Kirkburton on Saturday, September 24th. Draw 2.45 p.m. Those requiring tea, 1/6 each, please send not later than September 19th to L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Sible Hedingham on Saturday, September 24th. Bells (8) from 2.30. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Will those intending to be present and requiring tea please notify Mr. B. W. Pettitt, Alderford Street, Sible Hedingham, not later than Thursday morning, the 22nd.—F. Ridgwell, Dis. Sec., Queen's Road, Earls Colne.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-West Division.—A meeting will be held at Elmdon on Saturday, September 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Those intending to be present kindly advise me.—H. A. Wacey, Hon. Sec., 44, Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Stafford on Saturday, September 24th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service in church, with an address by the Rev. Lionel Lambert, Rector, at 4.45. Tea (1/-) at 5.30. Reports for distribution. Please send word by Tuesday, 20th inst.—H. Knight, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cresswell on Saturday, September 24th. Bells (8) available early. Will those who require tea kindly notify Mr. Bacon, Thanet House, Elmdon Road, Cresswell, by Wednesday, September 21st? Gentlemen cordially invited.—N. Cawthorne, 394, Handsworth Road, Sheffield.

DEVON GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting will be held at Brampford Speke on September 24th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 (1/- each). Bands and visitors attending please notify me by September 19th.—W. H. Howe, Hon. Sec., 8, Courtenay Road, St. Thomas, Exeter.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—North-Western District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Wimbledon, on Saturday, October 1st. Full particulars later.—D. Cooper, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, Harrison's Rise, Croydon.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The eleventh annual commemoration dinner to the memory of the late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past Officers of the Association will be held at Stephenson's Exchange Restaurant, Castle Street, Sheffield, on Saturday, October 8th, at 6.30 p.m. The bells of the Cathedral (12) and St. Marie's R.C. (8) will be available for touches from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Also Handsworth bells (8, tenor 12 cwt.) are offered for peal attempt, all applications to be made as early as possible to Mr. F. Watkinson, 159, Old Hall Road, Handsworth, Sheffield. Good accommodation found for visitors staying overnight. Applications for dinner tickets (price 4/- each) to be made to the undersigned not later than Tuesday, October 4th.—Sidney F. Palmer, Local Sec., 87, Bradley St., Crookes, Sheffield, 10.

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MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, August 21st, at St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Thorne 1, C. Strawbridge 2, G. Stacey 3, W. Knight 4, F. Date 5, J. Mason 6, J. Pugsley (conductor) 7, W. Male 8. Rung for morning service, and a compliment to Mr. J. Pugsley for his 60th birthday.

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